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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

BREAKING: GOVERNOR ORDERS FLAGS HALF-STAFF

Gov. Brian Schweitzer on Wednesday ordered all flags in Montana be flown at half-staff to honor Chief Mountain Hot Shot firefighter Michael MacDonald beginning Saturday morning until sundown.

BROWNING MOURNS HOT SHOT FIREFIGHTER KILLED SUNDAY IN FLAGSTAFF HELICOPTER COLLISION

BY KRISTEN CATES, GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE 07/01/08



Browning residents are mourning the death of one of their beloved warriors, 26-year-old Michael MacDonald, a Hot Shot firefighter who died Sunday when two helicopters collided near

Flagstaff, Ariz.

BLACKFEET MAN WINS \$185K DISCRIMINATION CASE

Indianz.com 07/02/08

Earle Nevins, a member of the [Blackfeet Nation](#) of Montana, has won a \$185,000 settlement in a

racial discrimination case. Nevins said he was harassed by co-workers at the [Les Schwab Tire Center](#) who made jokes about his Indian heritage. When he reported the discrimination to superiors, they brushed it away and fired him in retaliation, the [U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#) said in a lawsuit filed in 2006.

NATIVE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SAMPLE CAMPUS LIFE THROUGH SCIENCE AND FILMMAKING

June 30, 2008 -- By Michael Becker, MSU News Service



Natural History Filmmaking graduate student Jaime Jelenchick, clockwise from top left, watches video with Nikki Senapati, Michelle McKay and Mikayla Frasier after a trip to the Fish Technology Center in Bozeman. (MSU Photo by Kelly Gorham)

BOZEMAN -- In an editing lab at Montana State University, recent high school graduate Martina Wilson was worried about her production schedule.

THE LIGHTS ARE ON AND THE KIDS ARE SKATEBOARDING AT TRIBE'S SKATE PARK

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter 07/02/08



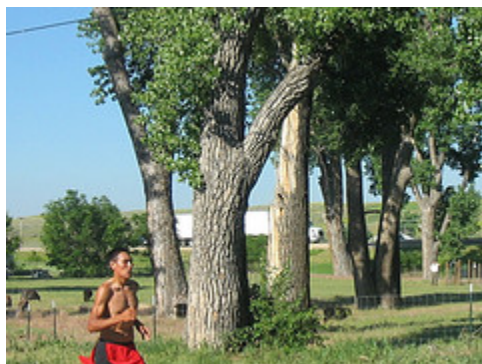
Glacier Reporter Editor

"What's surprising to me, with my work as a probation officer, is that the older kids are helping the younger kids," said Carl McLean, manager of the Blackfeet Skate Park, now open seven days a week in the old bingo hall on Piegan Street in downtown Browning. "They respect the rules."

ULTIMATE WARRIORS COMPETE AT CROW NATIVE DAYS

[Wolfy Real Bird](#)

Originally uploaded by [centlodg](#) on CrowNews.net



On June 29, a sunny, Sunday morning in Crow Agency, the annual Ultimate Warrior contest was held. The event consists of modern day warriors from tribes across the country running,

canoeing the Little Big Horn River and riding 3 different horses bareback for six miles wearing a breachcloth and moccasins.

DIOCESE TO REBUILD CHARRED HAYS SCHOOL

BY TRIBUNE STAFF • JULY 2, 2008

Hays' St. Paul Mission School, which was gutted by fire last month, will be rebuilt, according to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings Catholic church

BLACKFEET TRIBE SETS SIGHTS ON IMPROVING TRIBAL CAMPGROUNDS

By Woody Kipp, Glacier Reporter 07/02/08

With three major tribal campgrounds that have revenue-producing potential sitting idle, Tribal Planning Director Emmie Davis-Bird has been in contact with the new owners of the Lodge at St. Mary. John Blumfield, one of the new owners, said he is looking forward to working with the Blackfeet Tribe on economic development issues. "He seems to be favorable toward the tribe," said Davis-Bird.

MSU RECEIVES \$6.5 MILLION GRANT FOR HEALTH RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS WITH MONTANA TRIBES

November 16, 2007 -- by Carol Schmidt, MSU News Service



Alma McCormick of Hardin, left, co-director of Messengers for Health on the Crow Reservation, takes women's health education to those places frequented by the women of her tribe. The Messengers project, which is a partnership between MSU and the Crow tribe, was a model for a \$6.5 million grant that MSU received from the National

Institutes of Health that will allow researchers to partner with Montana Indian tribes to develop health initiatives desired by the tribes. Photo by Kelly Gorham for MSU's Mountains and Minds magazine.

Montana State University has received a \$6.5 million grant to develop partnerships that will address health disparities in Montana's Indian communities. The National Institutes of Health has awarded the five-year grant to fund the Center for Native Health Partnerships at MSU. The funds will allow partnerships to be developed between Native American communities and researchers.

COMMISSIONERS LOOKING TO STRETCH IMPACT FUNDS

By LeAnne Kavanagh, Glacier Reporter 08/02/08

Glacier County Commissioners Michael DesRosier and Ron Rides At The Door voted to give \$10,000 of NaturEner's \$188,943 Wind Generation Impact Fee to School District No. 15. The action came at the commissioners' meeting on Thursday, June 26.

ELECTION RESULTS REVEAL DEEP-SEATED DISAFFECTION AMONG BLACKFEET VOTERS

BY TRAVIS COLEMAN, GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE 06/29/08

Voters and the newly elected Blackfeet Tribal Council members say voters voiced their dissatisfaction with the tribal government when they ousted all four incumbent council members up for election, including their longtime chairman, on June 24.

MONTANA COUNTY BUSINESS PATTERNS

Recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, the *County Business Patterns* is an annual report that contains data covering the more than 7.6 million businesses with paid employees at

the national and state levels, and more than 3,100 counties. The report provides data on the number of establishments, number of employees, and quarterly and annual payroll for most of the 1,100 industries according to the North American Industry Classification System.

To access the full data set for Montana, including county by county maps, visit CEIC's *County Business Patterns* web page at <http://ceic.mt.gov/CntyBusPat.asp>.

2006: Top Ten Counties Ranked by the Number of Establishments with 1-4 Employees

County	Number of Employees for week including March 12	1st Quarter Payroll	Annual Payroll	Total Establishments	Employee Size 1-4
Gallatin, MT	39,119	263,439	1,158,951	4,826	3,071
Yellowstone, MT	67,900	499,023	2,120,310	5,353	2,931
Flathead, MT	35,459	238,156	1,012,953	4,223	2,686
Missoula, MT	48,900	339,825	1,432,994	4,198	2,313
Cascade, MT	29,419	177,541	794,208	2,597	1,376
Lewis and Clark, MT	23,551	158,190	684,100	2,148	1,220
Ravalli, MT	9,209	48,520	213,578	1,464	968
Silver Bow, MT	12,684	91,873	384,380	1,141	599
Lake, MT	5,702	33,138	139,175	841	555
Park, MT	4,831	26,795	117,372	784	527

County Business Patterns excludes self-employed people, employees of private households, railroad employees, agriculture production workers and most government employees. Information on businesses without paid employees will be released this year as part of the **Nonemployer Statistics** report. Data for metropolitan statistical areas and five-digit ZIP codes also will be released this year.

For more information, contact CEIC staff at 841-2740 or ceic@mt.gov.

JOB VACANCIES:

STATE DEMOGRAPHER/BUREAU CHIEF Position # 65105163 Department of Commerce \$49,944.00 to \$62,431.00

Closing Date: 08/01/2008

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=1634&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=1294

SENIOR RESEARCH PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, The University of Montana, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Missoula. The successful candidate will serve as Associate Director and will direct a successful research program for the health care industry. This is an Administrator/ with academic rank position at the Associate Professor level in the School of Business Administration. Review of applications will begin **August 18, 2008**. Starting date will be approximately **November 1, 2008** and this position is open until filled. For a complete vacancy announcement and application information please visit www.umt.edu/jobs.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER - CROW RESERVATION
Division of Health Sciences

Search Number 8580-3

Starting Date July 1, 2008

Salary \$20,000 per year. Please note: This position is a permanent part-time position (20 hours per week) through the period of the grant funding.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER- ROCKY BOY RESERVATION

Center for Native Health Partnerships (CNHP), MSU - Rocky Boy Reservation 0.5 FTE. Primary responsibilities include 1.) Serving as liaison between community and the CNHP 2.) Direct community diagnosis 3.) Build community capacity and help to facilitate community - researcher partnerships. For complete vacancy announcement and application procedures go to <http://www.montana.edu/msuinfo/jobs/prof> Please call Deb LaVeaux at (406) 994-4690 for more information. Screening begins June 18, 2008. ADA/AA/EO/Vet Pref. Employer.



AMERICORPS VISTA VOLUNTEER: The National Society for American Indian Elderly (NSAIE) works to improve conditions allowing American Indian Elderly to stay in their homes as respected members of their communities and keepers of their traditions. The NSAIE is among more than 1,200 AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) projects nationwide. As a branch of the Corporation for National Community Service, AmeriCorps VISTA has a mission to end poverty in all its forms.

VISTA members who serve through the NSAIE work to enhance services for American Indian elders. The NSAIE VISTA members assist with capacity building, grant writing, coordination of services and other locally directed activities that help build stronger communities.

We are currently recruiting for placements with American Indian elder programs. Positions are available with Tribes and Tribal organizations in 23 states. Volunteers serve in predominantly rural areas where the conditions for American

Indian seniors are challenging, where the project can have the best impact. The work is challenging, but a year of service will give you the experience of your life. The NSAIE makes a difference through the dedication of individuals like you; we look forward to hearing from you.

There are many benefits to service including; professional and skills development, travel and training opportunities, a monthly living wage stipend (approx. \$865), health coverage, college loan deferment, full interest payment during service and an end of service education award of \$4,795 that can be used to pay for past or future college, oh, and the satisfaction of helping others.

Upcoming start dates are August 15th, October 30th, November 21st and December 12th 2008. To apply log onto www.americorps.gov, click on "Ready to Serve", complete an application and choose the NSAIE as their project site. Also they may call our office or email us anytime with questions.

Qualifications:

- B.A. or extensive work experience
- Own vehicle and auto insurance
- Willingness to commit to one year of Full-Time volunteer service
- Interest in working with American Indian communities or with the elderly

Application Instructions: Log onto www.americorps.gov, click on "Join AmeriCorps", complete an application and choose the NSAIE as your desired project site. We will call you for an informational interview once we receive your application through the AmeriCorps system. www.nsaie.org

EVENTS/TRAINING:

SUMMER AT THE SOCIETY

...featuring presentations and hands-on activities related to the exhibit, *Neither Empty nor Unknown: Montana at the Time of Lewis & Clark*

Including: Traditional Tribal Games * Native American Storytelling * Animal Identification * Archaeology * Tool Making * Arts & Crafts * Tribal Histories * Music * and More *

When: Every Wednesday in July, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: On the lawn at the Montana Historical Society, 225 No. Roberts

Supported by a grant from the National Park Service Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

Indian tacos for sale by the Helena Powwow Committee or bring a picnic lunch. **Free admission** to the museum

Fun for the entire family!

For more information call 444-4789

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WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

...of the Legislature is seeking public comment on its [draft report](#), the first of its kind issued in more than a decade. The draft report, including [draft legislation](#), is **available for comment from July 1 through July 31**. Comments will be compiled and presented to the WPIC at the August 12 and 13 meeting in Helena.

The public may also comment on a [draft case study report](#) conducted by the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology. The 2007 Legislature directed the bureau to study the extent to which ground water withdrawals may result in net depletion of surface water in a closed basin or in specific areas of a closed basin.

More information about the reports is available in the [press release](#), or by contacting Joe Kolman at kolman@mt.gov or 444-9280.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

[NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES AMERICA'S HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS: PLANNING GRANTS GRANT](#)

Description: America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants support traveling or long-term museum exhibitions, library-based projects, interpretation of historic places or areas, interpretive Web sites, or other project formats that creatively engage audiences in exploring humanities ideas and questions. Planning grants can be used to plan, refine, and develop the content and interpretive approach of a project. Applicants should have already conducted preliminary consultation with scholars to help shape the humanities content of the project and with other programming advisers appropriate to the project's format.

[TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM](#)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 20.509
Program web site: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-11338.htm>
Sponsor: [Federal Transit Administration](#)
Deadlines: August 19, 2008
Purpose: Grants can be awarded to recipients located in rural and small urban areas with populations under 50,000 not identified as an urbanized area by the Bureau of the Census. The grants may be used for public transportation capital projects, operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation, planning, and the acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services. Under Department of Transportation (DOT) Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) regulations, public fixed route operators are required to provide ADA complementary paratransit service to individuals who cannot use the fixed route due to their disability. Coordinated human service transportation that primarily serves elderly persons and persons with disabilities, but that is not restricted from carrying other members of the public, is considered available to the general public if it is marketed as public transportation.
Eligibility: Eligible applicants include Federally-recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the Department of the Interior (DOI). To be an eligible recipient, a tribe must have the requisite legal, financial and technical capabilities to receive and administer Federal funds under this program. A tribe may submit a copy of the most up-to-date Federal Register Notice published by

DOI, BIA: Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Service from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide

Amount of funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$12,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$12,000,000

Application process: The Federal Register notice includes all the information that a tribe will need to apply for competitive selection. It is available on the FTA Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. FTA will announce final selections on the Web site and in the Federal Register. FTA will also post a synopsis of this announcement on the government-wide electronic grants Web site Grants.gov at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=41824>.

The application is available at:

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants.jsessionid=LQYTLnT1NBQncpb6J5fGWRJm3351bnvPidXsB4ZvNxQMCGCpQBqNI-1069641362?opportunity=D2008-FTA-TRTR-TPM&agencycode=DOT-FTA>

For more information contact:

Contact the appropriate FTA regional Tribal Liaison (Appendix B on the Program web site) for application-specific information and issues. For general program information, contact Lorna R. Wilson, Office of Transit Programs, at (202) 366-2053, e-mail: Lorna.Wilson@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

[TECHNOLOGY TO FIGHT CRIME](#)

Office of Justice Programs funds development of new technology to help ensure public safety, and help state and local communities better use existing technology. Technology helps to improve public safety in several ways. For example, enhanced criminal records and identification systems keep high-risk individuals from obtaining weapons or positions of trust. Closed-circuit television allows young victims or witnesses of crime to testify in a less-intimidating setting. Bulletproof vests and less-lethal weapons mitigate risk to law enforcement officers. DNA technology advances justice by solving crimes and protecting the innocent. And crime mapping allows law enforcement to target crime "hot spots." OJP also has launched an initiative to develop information-sharing capacity across the criminal justice system. The OJP Information Technology Executive Council coordinates funding and technical assistance to ensure that technology is deployed in a manner that allows information-sharing across agencies.

[DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE NURSING PROGRAM. SCHOOLS OF NURSING MODIFICATION 6](#)

Description: The Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Division of Nursing Services, announces a competitive grant application for existing and new grantees under the Nursing Education Program for American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/ANs).



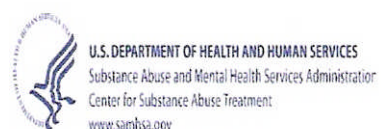
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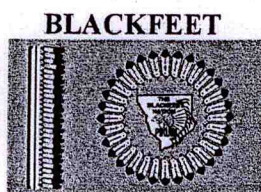
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